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NOTIFICATION

As per the direction of the Election Commission of India, inter-alia, the central theme during National Voters' Day, 2018 "Accessible Elections", the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim is pleased to constitute the State Steering Committee for Accessible Elections (SSCAE) in the State of Sikkim, for the purpose of accessible and inclusive electoral process with regard to all persons with disabilities. The composition of the Committee is as follows:

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| 1. Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim | - | Chairman |
| 2. Chief Engineer, Building & Housing Department | - | Member |
| 3. Additional Secretary, National Social Assistance Scheme, Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare Department | - | Member |
| 4. Director, Sarva Sikshya Abhiyan (Inclusive Education) | - | Member |
| 5. Deputy General Manager (Operations), SNT Division, Transport Department | - | Member |
| 6. President, National Association for Blind, Sikkim Branch | - | Member |
| 7. President, Sikkim Viklang Sahyog Samiti | - | Member |
| 8. Principal, Spastic Society of Sikkim, Syari | - | Member |
| 9. Deputy Director, National Social Assistance Scheme, (Nodal officer) Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare Department | - | Member |
| 10. Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim | - | Convenor |

The functions of the Committee will be as under:

1. To ensure that Polling Station wise mapping of PwD electors is carried out in the State, and data is maintained and updated regularly
2. To ensure that PwDs who are not enrolled are identified and to facilitate their enrolment in the electoral roll

3. To create an enabling barrier- free environment for efficient and effective electoral participation of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the State/UT
4. To ensure that action is taken on the various directions issued by the Commission regarding inclusion of PwDs in the electoral process
5. To ensure that trainings for election functionaries include a component on sensitizing them on special needs of PwDs, and prepare a module on the same and share with the districts.
6. Plan special camps for enrolment and sensitization of PwDs in the State.
7. Plan training programmes of the Electoral Literacy Clubs to include topics of sensitization of PwDs.
8. Develop strategies to involve Resource teachers working with special needs students under Sarva Sikshya Abhiyan.
9. To ensure aids and devices are given at identified PwDs polling Stations for assistance of PwDs on the polling day.
10. To plan and ensure PwD friendly polling stations are created with construction of ramps, handrails, etc
11. To provide transport facilities to PwDs and their assistants on the poll day. Ensure a bus is earmarked as 'Divyang Jan Rath' for PwDs to commute to the Polling Stations on poll day.
12. Develop modules for capacity development of CSOs in consultation with Districts and share with the districts
13. Assess recommendations of DMCAE on further steps to be taken to enhance the electoral participation of PwDs and appointment of State Icons from among PwDs.
14. Facilitate exchange of good practices among districts
15. Recommend steps that can be further taken to enhance the electoral participation of PwDs to the Commission
16. Hold periodic meetings and give reports to the Commission
17. Any other recommendation that the committee may like to make

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